

## A NEW SPECIES OF PODABRUS.

(Coleoptera—Cantharidae).

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*Podabrus frosti* n. sp.

Head black, sides in front pale beneath the antennae; antennae black with each segment pale basally; pronotum pale with a large hexagonal median brunneous spot; elytra piceous with the side margins and suture narrowly pale; coxae, basal half of femora and knees of all legs pale, rest of legs dark reddish brown; underside of thorax, last two ventral segments and apical half of fifth ventral segment of abdomen yellowish, the rest of underside reddish brown.

Head as wide as, or slightly wider than, the pronotum in the male, not quite as wide as the pronotum in the female; clypeus smooth, front sparsely, occiput and neck densely punctate, surface shining. Antennae rather stout, a little longer than one half the length of the body; segments two and three of equal length. Pronotum three fourths wider than long; sides arcuately narrowed in front, feebly narrowed and slightly sinuate before the hind angles which are feebly prominent; surface shining, the convexities and the area in front of them moderately punctured, the sides very finely punctate; a short eroded line between the convexities. Elytra rugose, more roughly so apically; discal costae nearly obliterated. Protibiae of male curved basally and with an angular dilation on the inner side at about the apical third. Hind coxae of male an apical process. All claws of both sexes armed with long acute teeth so that they appear to be broadly cleft. Length 9 to 10.5 mm.

Holotype, male and allotype, female, Natick, Mass., May 30, 1936. Paratypes; (1) Sherborne, Mass., May 30, 1935, (1) Sherborne, Mass., June 11, 1916, (1) Framingham, Mass., May 29, 1931, (1) Framingham, Mass., May 30, 1934. These were all collected by Mr. C. A. Frost.

This species is nearest *Podabrus knobeli* Fall and *P. frater* Lec. The elytra of *P. frater* are totally black. In *P. knobeli* the body beneath, the legs and the antennae are all black and the second antennal segment is notably shorter than the third. I take great pleasure in naming this species in honor of the collector.